

Application No. 10/540,598
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10-18 are pending in the application.

In order to comply with the Examiner's requirement, Applicants' elect, with traverse, species 1, Figs. 1-3, on which claims 10, 11 and 13-18 read.

Applicant's election is with traverse based on the fact that the present application is a national stage application of a PCT application. Therefore, as stated in MPEP 1893.03(d), unity of invention practice, and not restriction/election of species practice, applies. As further stated in this MPEP section, "[a] group of inventions is considered linked to form a single general inventive concept where there is a technical relationship among the inventions that involves at least one common or corresponding special technical feature". In the present application, several common special technical features are included in generic claim 10, namely a main pipe (2, 13) extending essentially horizontally through a center of the tower, wherein the main pipe is formed with two channels (8, 9; 15, 16), and a plurality of distributing pipes (4, 5; 4', 5') extending from two sides of the main pipe, wherein on each side of the main pipe, a first part (4, 4') of the distributing pipes is connected with one of the channels (9, 15) and a second part is connected with the other channel (8, 16).

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the election of species requirement be withdrawn and that the application now be reviewed on its merits. In other respects, Applicants have attempted to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

However, should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, or wish to discuss the merits of the application, the undersigned would very much welcome a

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telephone call in order to be able to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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